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Title:	CLEANING COMPOSITION FOR HANDLING WATER HARDNESS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING AND USING		

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed May 24, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants note references U.S. Patent No. 5,750,482 and U.S. Patent No. 6,420,326 also listed in the search report was/were previously cited to or by the Examiner.

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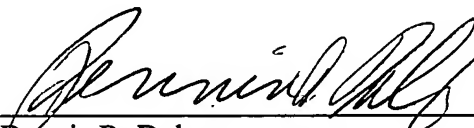
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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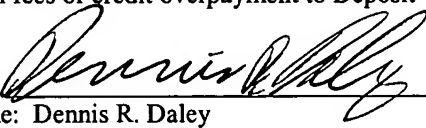
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,486,307	01/23/1996	MISSELYN ET AL.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
✓	EP 0 595 590 A	05/04/1994	EP				
✓	EP 0 630 965 A	12/28/1994	EP				
✓	WO 94/14942 A	07/07/1994	PCT				
✓	WO 00/39268 A	07/06/2000	PCT				
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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